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S E C R E T DAKAR 4278

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, EFIN, EAID, CG, FR, PINS, SG

SUBJECT: SHABA AFRICAN FORCE

REF: DAKAR 4244 (NOTAL)

1. DIRECTOR OF CABINET PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, DIAKHA  
DIENG, AT NOON TODAY CONVEYED OFFICIAL ORAL REQUEST TO ME  
FOR USG SUPPORT IN AIRLIFTING SENEGALESE TROOPS TO ZAIRE.

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DIENG SAID WRITTEN REQUEST WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST FOR DETAILS ABOUT SIZE AND  
TIMING OF GOS CONTINGENT, DIENG REAFFIRMED SENEGALESE  
COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO INTER-AFRICAN FORCE IN ZAIRE.  
HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT GOS PLANNING WOULD NOT BECOME  
"OPERATIONAL" UNTIL END OF THIS WEEK. HE WAS NOT AT

THIS TIME IN POSITION TO SUPPLY DETAILS ON SIZE AND STATE  
OF READINESS OF SENEGALESE CONTINGENT.

3. DIENG ALSO MENTIONED THAT SENDING OF SENEGALESE FORCE  
TO ZAIRE WOULD HAVE TO BE PRECEDED BY DEBATE IN NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY. HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY OBSTACLES AS RESULT  
OF THIS DEBATE.

4. COMMENT: WAY SENEGALESE ARE PROCEEDING WITH CONTINGENT  
FOR ZAIRE SEEMS ALMOST A REPEAT OF THE SCENARIO FOR THE  
GOS UNIFIL BATTALION WHICH WAS SENT TO SOUTH LEBANON. AT  
THAT TIME PRESIDENT SENGHOR WAS PRESSING HARD FOR ALMOST  
IMMEDIATE DISPATCH OF SENEGALESE FORCES. CHIEF OF STAFF  
GENERAL IDRISSE FALL AND MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT, HOWEVER,  
WERE INSISTING ON MORE TIME TO GET SENEGALESE TROOPS IN  
PROPER STATE OF READINESS. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT TODAY  
WITH GENERAL FALL'S DEPUTY, LT. COL. JEAN GOMIS, WHO SAYS  
CHIEF OF STAFF WILL SEE US AS SOON AS CERTAIN OTHER DECISIONS  
FALL INTO PLACE.

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